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Points on Kaveri canals Silk

Previous references.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 10-13

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Investiture of Powers to the Amildars to punish the parties convicted of committing petty nuisances.

Macleod
D. Waugh

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General No. 2693

From 1871.

To The Secretary of Ordnance

Dated
Despatched } 30 August.

Received 1st Septr.

Rec'd: 1st Septr. 2

Enclosures No.

General No. 2693 } 1871
L.C. No 71 }

Forwarding copy of memo: submitted by the Offs: of Engineer and of the orders passed thereon by the Principal Commrs and asking that the responsibility of the Tarbert Harbour enquiry may be enforced —

Harbour Works

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30 August 1871

No. 2693

Sl. 71

To Supt Ashlapaw Dn

Sir I am desired to forward herewith for your information Copy of a Memo Subd to Dep by the Ms Chief Sup. & Sec to Mo &c &c, and of the Order paper thereon & the Captain.

2 Col Meade considers I am to add, that the responsibility of the Salish Guilda in case of steam vessel &c is fully expressed. He is an Officer fully competent to

* performing the duties which devolve upon him in this matter

Steam

ascertain the real
merits of the dispute,
and to aid ~~the~~ his
superior Officer in
removing any cause
of grievance or ~~bringing~~
~~before him any~~ ~~Infraction of the~~
~~Articles~~ where the
conduct of the Party
in Infraction amounts
to Contumacious,
bringing the offenders
to Justice. Thus

Summary of Mr Luttrell's Semi Official
report regarding the Channels.

In his semi Official dated 24th Augt Mr
Luttrell brought to notice that the Rysts at
Ouscoopat on the Chicksdaven Lagun Channel
appear to listen to Messrs Swan and Gramatzki
who had been deputed by him to open the
Channel, and settle the numerous complaints
on the spot, - that water was being wasted
to a prejudicial extent, and that the Lands at
the end of the Channel were suffering in con-
sequence. He brought to notice that he had
arranged to start with Capt Ludlow, and endea-
vour to settle the matter, and pointed out that
Col: Mc Dutchin being ill he would be very
awkwardly situated if Capt Ludlow was removed
until this was done, as the Officer appointed might
be altogether unacquainted with Channel matters
He therefore requested he might be informed if it
would be possible for Capt Ludlow to remain some 10
or 15 days longer, and expressed his intention of
consulting Col: Elliot on the subject

In an unofficial letter received today he again
strongly urges the necessity of the above arrangement
states his belief that Govt Officials are at the bottom
of the agitation, informs that he & Capt Ludlow have
come into perusal of the complaints, the falsity of which
is almost incredible. That the Rysts appear even to
listen to Messrs Swan and Gramatzki, but threaten
if go home & complain of being bullied. He understands
that the course followed by the Rysts appears to be

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Conduct of the Right
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Contumacious,
Insult the Offender
& Rebel - By

Summary of Dr Lathams Semi Official
report regarding the Channels.

In his semi Official dated 24th Augt Dr
Latham begins by notice that the Rajah at
Sarawak on the 6th ult. gave Captn Channel
leave to visit Singapore & Messrs Evans and Spranatzki
who had been deputed by him to go over the
Channel, and settle the numerous complaints
on the spot, - that water was being wasted
to a principal extent, and that the Lands at
the end of the Channel were suffering in con-
sequence. He begins to notice that he had
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states his belief that Govt Officials are at the bottom
of the agitation, informs that he & Captn Ludlow have
gone into several of the complaints the falsity of which
"is almost incredible". That the Rajah refuses even to
listen to Messrs Evans and Spranatzki, but threatens
to go home & complain of being bullied. He expresses
that the course followed by the Rajah appears to be

towards as much water as possible in the Bobbin at the upper end of the channel, and if this water jet supply is interfered with an attempt made to stop it by petition incessantly. In this manner it appears they hope to get rid of the channel departs the superintendent the urgent necessity of the cause pursued of the Rajah being put down with a strong hand, and that the investigating these false complaints will take all his time & prevent his going on with the preparation of his projects & other work. He states it has taken him from 7 days to do 21 miles of channel, the complaints to be investigated are 30 numerous. He considers the matter sufficiently serious to make it advisable to appoint a Revenue Officer specially to settle it, as he considers they would have to neglect their other duties which to engage He states that Lt. Elliot upon visiting him on the receipt of a Rev? Officer accompanying the channel Subs in his inspection down the channel. He believes Mr Cotes Assistant Secretary to have something to do with it, and strongly urges the inadvisability of his return to Vizianagaram

In another respect he reports that the Rajah is very backward in getting on the following the road, and that he & Captain Sandilands go there at once and return the next day to proceed to Anakapilly where the cooly are reported to be dying. The Commissioner will be able to form some idea of what can be done when I state that these places are 60 miles apart. Mr Cotton has claims against persons

attention at any such a time, and state that his only motive in doing so is for the welfare of the present case

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This paper will be at once forwarded to Supt. Ashlin Division for his information & with a request that he may devote his immediate and earnest attention to some of the words noticed calling for prompt & energetic

If any of the Sub. Officials are found to be in any way connected in getting up these tracts, the Supt. will cause their immediate suspension, and they will be punished in such way as may be deemed proper.—

The case of any Agent who put up false complaints, and brake the date as of =

the proceedings of the Channel
Fleet, while he duly dealt with
Special business may be keep-
-ing to himself the working of
the Watch & Store Vessels, he should
-ed without delay.

With regard to Capt. Hutton he
is under orders to proceed to Alex.
dria where he is required by 10th
the 11th inst. to relieve Col Stirk in
the Charge of the District - It is im-
-portant that he should leave
here prepared at this moment, but
as no other Officer is available for
this duty, his temporary absence must be de-
-ferred -

Capt. Reynolds who is here on his way
to report to relieve Capt. Hutton, is a
careful & trustworthy Officer, and
if the circumstances of the case ap-
-pear to require it the V.A. is au-
-thorised to employ Capt. Reynolds
from Malta on the Special duty of
Inquiring into & settling these disputes

General No. 1425

From 1871.
To The Superintendt.
Dated 2nd Ash: Division
Despatched The Secretary
Received 4th to the Chief
Regd. Sept. Commissioner.
Enclosures No.
General No. 1425 1871.
Genl. No. 1300 5572.

Your letter No.
2693 of 31st ult. relating
regarding channel
disputed by the
Nyoks of Pinta-
Chopakey

With reference
to the above, for-
wards for the Chief
Commissioner's
information copy
of

4/9 5411

Reply that I
entirely concur in
the views of Revd
Mr. Tucker, and
that if they are
intelligently car-
ried out in a
proper manner
I have no doubt
they would be
even more

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A.J. Fox
5-9-71.

of a letter addressed to the Deputy Superintendent of Mysore on the Subject..

Sd/- Superintendent
"C.A.O." Asst. Division
Captain 4/c

No. 569.

Ash. Capt. Offr.

Mysore 2d. September 1871.

No.

The Dy. Superintendent

Mysore.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward for your information copy of a letter from the Secretary enclosing a summary of certain demi-official reports made by the Executive Engineer Cauvery Division of recent disturbances on the channels together with the Chief Commissioners remarks thereon, and to convey to you the following instructions for guidance in the present or future occurrences of a like nature.

2. The channels in this Division were originally under the entire control and management of the Revenue Authorities until the year 1858. when they were placed under the D.P.W. — their management again reverted to the Revenue Authorities in 1864, and finally in the course of last year, on the

formation of the Irrigation Department, they were handed over as the peculiar charge of that branch of the administration and the conservancy establishment revised to ensure economy and further efficiency under the improved management of the scientific department.

3. It is consequently to be expected that under increased checks on the consumption of water and a re-arrangement of duties, - a departure in short from the old custom, - some opposition will be encountered from those chiefly concerned, who do not perhaps fully appreciate or understand the nature of the changes introduced and make them a pretext for attempts to obtain a reversion to the old state of things where they had everything their own way, or could by influence secure what they wanted from the taloor Officials.

4. The wasting of water at the head of the channels is one of the reasons why there are so many complaints of

want of water lowers down and it is in great part to meet this that the channel department are now and will for some time be engaged in deciding on what sluices are to be closed and what retained. Much difficulty is met with in carrying out this improvement in the condition of the main channels, partly owing to the traditional attachment of the people to the old state of things, but more it is to be feared to personally interested motives on the part of the numerous influential holders of lands below the channels who are naturally desirous of retaining the control of the water in their own hands - among these are large Emandars, and relatives of public servants who view with special disfavour the operations of the channel department and who, from the recent numerous and in many instances groundless complaints and unintelligent opposition, endeavour it is believed seriously to embarrass both the channel and Revenue departments

by instigating ryots at several points of the channels to prefer complaints and thus enlarge the scene of enquiry to an extent which tends to wear out those employed in disposing of them as well as to interfere seriously with work in other departments.

5. The state of affairs reported in Mr. Gatenaro's demi official notes demands that prompt and immediate measures be at once taken (1) to explain the operations of the channel department; and (2) to meet and deal summarily and effectually with such opposition as is now complained of.

6. In the first place it must be distinctly explained to the ryots and they must understand that they have nothing whatever to do with the main channel the entire management of which is in the hands of the channel department;— and to secure a proper understanding upon this point I propose that in his tours along the channel, the channel Superintendent should be invariably accompanied by the

Shanbar of the hobly, and the Chan-
-bhogue of the village; until such
time, at least, as it may clearly appear
that the ryots and village authorities
have learnt and understand that their
operations must be confined scru-
-pulously to the distribution of water
to their fields from the subordinate
channels and that they are on no
account whatever to meddle with the
main channel or its works. In like
manner the Executive Engineer Irriga
-tion department should in his tours
be accompanied by the Amildar or
Peshtar - Interchange of commu-
-nication between these Officers
of the Engineer and revenue department
will it is believed have a beneficial effect
in enabling them to discuss on the spot
and with the ryots and village authorities
the circumstances and requirements
of all concerned.

7. In regard to complaints
whether real or vexatious, they
generally refer to deficiency of water

supply. In such cases the ryot should immediately apply to the Shanbhogue, the Shirstadar, or failing relief from them, the Amildar of the Talooka;— and it should be the duty of the Amildar on receipt of such complaints to repair at once (or send his Peshkar) to the spot and dispose of the matter at issue without a moments delay. It will be found I believe that nine tenths of such complaints can be taken up by the Amildar, but in case of his requiring the assistance of an Officer of superior powers he should immediately report to the Deputy Superintendent and Executive Engineer Irrigation department simultaneously who should each deputy an Assistant to meet on the spot.

8. In disposing of channel offences, Amildars are empowered by the Channel Rules to fine up to Rs 10/- false complaints they can also dispose of in like manner and where a heavier punishment may be necessary, the

delinquent with the witnesses and his proceedings should be forwarded by the Amildar & the Deputy Superintendent.

9. Selected Shaikdars should be appointed & the robbers on the channels and the Amildars should be made to feel that it is essential to the healthy working of the Irrigation department that a perfect harmony should exist between the channel and the Revenue department; they will be held strictly responsible for this and will be required in every serious case of opposition to find out and report distinctly the source from which it has sprung.

I have to request that you will at once bring to my notice any direction of duty on the part of any of the Talooka Officials in this matter, that you will take serious and summary notice of carelessness or neglect of duty on the part of Shaikdars or Shanbhoguas, and that

You will report specially on the
course from which it may appear
that vexatious opposition is attempted.

Orders & the Guildford on the
Channels are enclosed.

I have &c
(Signed) C. Elliot
Superintendent

A Copy

Superintendent
Ash. Divn

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Encl. No. 149

1871.

From The Superintendent

To The Secretary to the AD—

Dated 4th Chief Commr

Despatched September.

Received 6th

By

Enclosures No. 2.

General No. 392 } 18

Encl. No. 132

This office Docket No 390 Dated 2nd Inst regarding Channel dispute.

In continuation of the above forwarded for the Chief Commissioners information copy of letter addressed to the Deputy Superintendent

of the Mysore District together with
copy of translation of Circular issued
with previous letter.

Superintendent
Ashtagram Division

Capt Cowan
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No. 573.

Ashtagram Superintendent's Office
Impoor Dated 4th September 1871.

To
The Deputy Superintendent
Impoor District.

Sir

In continuation of my letter No. 569 of the 2nd Instant, I have the honor to request that whenever it may be proved to your satisfaction that the Ryots of any village have interfered in any way with the main Channel either by unauthorisedly opening or closing the sluices or by meddling with works in connection therewith, you will place a guard over such sluice or work until such time as, in communication with the Executive Engineer Irrigation Department, you may consider necessary, holding the village responsible for the charge incurred.

2 You are requested to furnish a copy of this and my previous letter to the Executive Engineer

I have &c

/Signed/ C Ellis

Superintendent

Natives Dr

"Copy

Superintendent

Ashtagram Dr

Translation of a Circular issued to the Amildars of the Channel Talooks in the Ashtagram Division.

Frequent complaints having been received regarding the supply of water to lands situated below Channels, the attention of the Talook authorities is directed to the following rules.

1 It must be distinctly explained to the Ryots and understood by them that they have nothing to do with the main Channels, the entire management of which is in the hands of the Channel Department.

2. The operation of the Ryots and village authorities should be confined scrupulously to the distribution of water to fields from the subordinate Channels.

3. In all cases of complaints relating to deficiency of water supply, the ryot should immediately apply to the Shanbagar and Shirkdar, who should at once go to the spot and see that the complaint

receives sufficient supply of water from the Subordinate Channels, taking care that the Main Channel or its works are not meddled with.

4 Failing to obtain this relief, the ryot should have recourse to the Amildar of the Talook and it will be his duty on receipt of such complaint to repair at once on spot and dispose of the matter without a moments' delay.

5. But in case of his requiring the assistance of an Officer of superior powers, he should immediately report to the Deputy Superintendent and Agent in Irrigation Department simultaneously.

6. Selected Shikdars should be appointed to the Hoblis on the Channels and the Amildars should distinctly understand that it is

a perfect harmony should exist between the Channel and Revenue Departments. The Amildars will be held strictly responsible for this and will be required in every serious case of opposition to find out and report distinctly the source from which it has sprung.

7 In disposing of Channel offences, Amildars are empowered by the Channel Rules to fine upto 10 Rupees. False complaints may also be disposed of in like manner. But where heavier punishment is necessary the delinquent with the witnesses and his proceedings should be forwarded by the Amildar to the Deputy Superintendent

8. In all tours of inspection along the Channel, by the Channel Superintendent, the Shirkdar of the Hobli and the Shanbogue of the village should accompany him unless they are engaged on more

9 In like manner, the Executive Engineer Irrigation Department should in his tours be accompanied by the Amildar or Parishcar in all cases where they can possibly do so.

10 The Amildar should invariably bring to the notice of the Deputy Superintendent any dereliction of duty on the part of the Shaikdar or Shanbogue.

/Signed/ C. Gillies
Superintendent
Ashtagram Div.

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Superintendent
Ashtagram Division.

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Encl. No. 2815

From 1871 77

To The Superintendent Ash: Dvr.

Dated 12th

Despatched 13 } September

Received

5/13.

Enclosures No.

General No. 2815

No 77 } 1871/72.

Your Docket Nos 390 & 392 dated 2nd and 4th September 71 respectively 130 132 on the subject of Channel dispute by the Rajahs of Dursa Coopah.

In reply, Hale. that the Chief Commr entirely concurs in the instructions conveyed in the Supts

6 Letter

Letter No. 569 dated 2nd Instant to the address of the Dy. Supt. Mysore and ~~Assts~~ that if they are intelligently carried out, those Loyalist chiefs shall supplies ~~remainder there to be~~ to put an end to further ~~disturbances~~ disturbances & ~~will soon~~ cease.

I/Sd/ Dy Secy

Offg. Secy

5/9/71.